

Child Safeguarding Statement



St. Scholastica's Catholic Primary School

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

St Scholastica's is a one – form entry, voluntary aided school for children aged 5-11. We also have a Nursery. Central to our school life are our Core Values, referred to as 'Super Skills'; Respect, Resilience, Independence, Motivation, Determination & Aspiration. We are committed to close working relationships & ensuring the best possible outcomes.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

St. Scholastica's will ensure all staff are aware of their safeguarding and child protection responsibilities and that they are able to identify children and young people where concerns about their safety and welfare arise. We will ensure all staff and pupils know they can raise issues with any member of staff and that their experiences and concerns will be taken seriously. We are aware that some pupils may not feel confident to disclose concerns verbally and therefore staff will maintain professional curiosity to support them.

There will always be a Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy DSL) on site and they will have appropriate training and understanding of how to manage concerns in an effective way with the welfare of children and young people as their primary focus.

All staff receive annual Child Protection and Safeguarding update training and are made aware of updates to KCSIE. They also receive refresher training in the procedures for passing on concerns within school. This is also central to the induction of new staff.

Risk that children might face (1)

Risk of harm by use of unauthorised photography or from online abuse through social media / internet access

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Policy/Procedure on the use of the Internet and Photographic and Recording Devices.
Social Media Procedure/Policy
Retention of Records Procedure/Policy.
Safer Internet Day
Anti-Bullying week which includes cyber-bullying.

Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of harm from peer to peer abuse including repeated acts of bullying.

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

-Anti-bullying Procedure/Policy
- Supervision of Children Procedure/Policy
- Complaints Procedure/Policy
- Staff Training Procedure/Policy
-Safer Internet Day includes assemblies and workshops
-Anti-Bullying week includes assemblies and workshops

Risk that children might face (3)

Administration of Medication or First Aid

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

Use of:
- Administration of Medicine Policy
-Allergies Policy
- First Aid Policy
** School has been advised by the School Nursing Team that we are not to administer any medication unless it is prescribed.

Risk that children might face (4)

Poor communication amongst families and school leading to information being missed or misunderstood.

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

-We encourage parents to create an open and structured communication plan regarding their child's education and well-being where difficulties arise between parents.
-Class Dojo
-Designated staff member who can help bridge communication gaps.
-Clear internal communication protocols and policies.
-Revised policy around child pick-up and drop-off

Risk that children might face (5)

Critical information about vulnerable students may not reach the right staff members.

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

-Vulnerable children's list compiled, revised and disseminated to all staff.
-Weekly SLT meetings to discuss vulnerable children and share updates.
-Access to CPOMs for all staff.
-Regular Safeguarding updates/training for all staff.
-Guidelines on types of information to share and with whom, maintaining confidentiality and data protection protocols (GDPR)

The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

Hackney Wellbeing Framework
Child Protection Policy
Safeguarding Policy
Behaviour Policy
Anti-Bullying Policy
Staff Handbook
Code of Conduct
SEND Policy
Working Together to Safeguarding Children
Keeping Children Safe in Education
Information Sharing Guidance for Practitioners
Whistleblowing Policy
Equality Statement/Racial Justice Equality and Diversity Policy

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers. *Please confirm*



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